

Take Lesson From History And Return To Allaah

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khutbatul-haajah..amma ba'd...

Brothers and sisters

We have come to the end of a phase in our lives – this phase of the month of Ramadaan!

Allaah ﷻ sets limits for everything in his creation so He limited this holy, blessed month of Ramadaan to 30 days of 365 - to 1 of 12 months.

He ﷻ says:

"It is not for the sun to overtake the moon, nor does the night outstrip the day. They all float, each in an orbit." [Ya-Sin (36):40]

The orbit of this month which has passed was the month of *Ramadaan*, thirty days. The multitude of rewards one could attain in this month which has passed

us by now was multiplied by Allaah ﷻ as much as He wanted. The orbit was not in the acts of worship like fasting, praying, reading Qur'aan and so on, but it was only time.

For some, the limit was not in the acts of worship like fasting, praying, reading Qur'aan and so on. Some people will miss of Ramadaan; the food, the family and social atmosphere and the togetherness felt when breaking iftaar together. However a true believer will miss the fasting, praying and the desire to do good and repel evil.

Even though the month of Ramadaan has come to an end, the righteous deeds of a true believer does not end until his death. Allaah ﷻ said:

"And worship your Lord until there comes unto you the certainty (i.e. death)." [Al-Hijr (15):99]

And He ﷻ also said:

"O you who believe! Fear Allaah (by doing all that He has ordered and by abstaining from all that He has forbidden) **as He should be feared.** [Obey Him, be thankful to Him, and remember Him always], **and die not except in a state of Islaam** (as Muslims) **with complete submission to Allaah."** [Aali Imran (3):102]

And the Prophet ﷺ said:



"If a slave dies then his actions are cut off"

So he ﷺ did not make anything stop the actions of the slave except death.


Time did not stop it, a fixed period did not stop it, *Ramadaan* should not stop it

Fasting



So even if the month of Ramadaan comes to an end, the true believer will not stop the act of fasting. Fasting continues even after Ramadaan, all praise to Allaah, it continues throughout the whole year.



Abu Ayyub al-Ansari  narrates that the Prophet  said:

"Whoever fasts the month of Ramadaan then follows it with six days of Shawwaal it will equal one year of fasting." [Saheeh Muslim]


Also, he  said about fasting the three days of each month:


"three days of each month and Ramadaan to Ramadaan is equal to fasting the whole year." [Saheeh Muslim & Ahmad]

Abu Hurairah  also reported that the Messenger  advised him with fasting three days of each month. These three days are the 13th, 14th, 15th of


each month as can be found in the hadith of Abu Dharr  who reported the Messenger  said:

"Oh Abu Dharr if you fast the three days each month then fast the 13th, 14th and 15th." [Ahmad & An-Nasaa'i]




Also the Prophet  was asked about the fasting of the day of Arafat and he said it expiates the sins for the past year and the following year. [Saheeh Muslim]

And he  was asked about the fasting of Ashoora and said:



"It expiates the sins for the past year."



and he  was asked about fasting on Mondays and replied:

"that was the day I was born and the day I was assigned this message or the day I received revelation."

Also Abu Hurairah  reported that the Messenger  was asked: "What are the best days to fast after Ramadaan?" He  replied:

"the best fast after Ramadaan is the fasting in the month of Muharram." [Saheeh Muslim]

Ayesha  said: "I never saw the Prophet  complete a whole month (of fasting) except the month of Ramadaan. And I never saw him fast the majority of any month other than in Sha'baan, in another narration she said: "he would not fast in that month except a little." [Agreed Upon]


Ayesha  also reported that the Messenger  would be vigilant in fasting on Mondays and Thursdays. [Reported by the five except Abu Daawood who brings it through a narration of Usaamah bin Zaid]

Abu Hurairah  reports the Messenger  said:

"deeds are distributed every Mondays and Thursdays and I like my deeds to be distributed whilst I am fasting. [Tirmidhee]

Night Prayers



If the taraweeh prayers are finished in Ramadaan, then by the grace of Allaah the night prayers are still a legislative practice every night through out the whole

year. Mughaira bin Shu'bah  reported: "the Prophet used to stand and pray until his ankles would swell up and when he would be asked about this he would reply:



'should I not be a grateful slave.'" [Saheeh Al-Bukhaaree]

And from Abdullah bin Salaam  that the Prophet  said:

"Oh people spread the salaam and feed the people, maintain the family ties, and pray at night whilst the people are asleep you will enter the paradise with peace."
[Tirmidhi (hasan saheeh) & Ahmed]

Abu Hurairah  reported that the Prophet  said:

"the best prayers after the obligatory prayers is the night prayer."
[Saheeh Muslim]

Abu Hurairah  also reported the Hadīth in which the Prophet  said:


"Our lord most high descends every night to the lowest heavens when the last third part of the night remains and says: "Who calls upon me that I may answer him? Who asks of me such that I may give him? Who seeks forgiveness from me so I may forgive him?" [Agreed Upon]

And regarding the sunnah prayers which follow the fard prayers, Umm Habeebah

 reported that the Messenger  said:

"No Muslim slave prays to Allaah everyday twelve voluntary raka'ats other than the obligatory ones except that Allaah builds for him a house in paradise."
[Saheeh Muslim]

So my dear brothers and sisters work hard in doing righteous deeds and abstain from evil deeds so we may succeed with a pleasant life in this world and much

more in the next life after our death. Allaah  said;

"Whoever works righteousness, whether male or female, while he is a true believer (of Islamic Monotheism) verily, to him We will give a good life (in this world with respect, contentment and lawful provision), and We shall pay them certainly a reward in proportion to the best of what they used to do (i.e. Paradise in the Hereafter). [An-Nahl (16):97]

Brothers and sisters, Verily Allaah  said in the Qur'aan:

"Never will the Jews nor the Christians be pleased with you (O Muhammad Peace be upon him) till you follow their religion." [Al-Baqarah (2):120]

Their **culture**: of wine and beer drinking, football, nightclubs, free mixing of the sexes.

Their **behavior**: of looking after number one, greed, jealousy, fornication, oppression of their women.

Their **rituals**: like Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day and Father's Day and so on.

Allaah ﷻ said:

"Neither those who disbelieve among the people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians) nor Al-Mushrikoon (the disbelievers in the Oneness of Allâh, idolaters, polytheists, pagans, etc.) like that there should be sent down unto you any good from your Lord." [Al-Baqarah (2):105]

In another verse He ﷻ explains why:

"...jealousy from within themselves..." [Al-Baqarah (2):109]

Now it has become even more apparent for the one who is awake and understands the greater plan which our British government and the west in general are scheming.

This issue of the veil, (*Niqaab*) displays their enmity and intolerance for Islam and Muslims. A politician made a statement out of the blue criticizing the Muslim women for wearing a veil, then others followed suit. The result of which led to mosques and individual Muslims being attacked in the north of England. What severe lack of responsibility this politician had!

The onslaught upon Islam is intensifying - the west is attacking Islam and the Muslims in Iraq, Afghanistan, Palestine, Lebanon and other places. We are living in a time when new home security policies are being legislated which are demonising and oppressing the British Muslims, and spreading insecurity amongst them. We witnessed the issue of the *jilbab* at Denbeigh high school and now the veil. What will be next? The *hijaab*? The beard? The Islamic dress? These are

tremors of a volcano soon about to erupt. We complain to Allaah ﷻ alone.

Brothers and sisters its high time that you all wake up and understand this government is creating a form of Islam in this country which is acceptable to them, which suits their needs and which they will promote. An Islam which:

1. Does not wear a veil
2. Does not wear a jilbab
3. Does not care about their brethren Muslims in Iraq, Palestine. Afghanistan and so on
4. Is scared and frightened of the police and security of this country
5. compromises the Islamic obligations in order to be accepted by wider society
6. compromises the Islamic voluntary acts in order to achieve employment
7. respects and cooperates with them in spreading mischief on the earth
8. An Islam which spies on other Muslims
9. An Islam which is engrossed in politics
10. which has abandoned jihad
11. An Islam which has been modernised to British standards.

12. An Islam which not just integrates with the disbelieving society but simulates it.

Any other form of Islam will not be tolerated by them. In reality they are taking away our rights of freedom to practice our religion, but in a subtle manner using different names for it and different policies for it, so that it is not viewed as violation of human rights. At the moment the buzz words are "integration" "the wider community" "communication" "breaking down barriers" and so on. In the end it will be concentration camps, massacres and plunder.

We witnessed their words everyday in the news, papers and radio and we can see the mass discontent they have for the Muslims in the UK. But know my dear

brothers and sisters that Allaah ﷻ states in the Qur'aan

"..but what their breasts conceal is far worse.." [Aal Imraan (3):118]

Brothers and sisters many of us here in this *masjid* today, do not pray regularly. Some of us only pray in *Ramadaan*. We have to pull up our socks and change our lives now before it is too late. We are Muslims before we are British. So we must do the basics of Islam at the least. Understand the *Kalimah* correctly, pray five daily prayers in the day and night, fast the month of *Ramadaan*, pay our *zakaat* and try to perform Hajj one day.

The Prophet ﷺ said:

"the difference between us and them (the disbelievers) is the prayer, so whoever abandons it has disbelieved."

So let us not be of the disbelievers they are allies to one another. As we Muslims are allies to one another. Allaah ﷻ says:

"The believers, men and women, are *Auliyâ'* (helpers, supporters, friends, protectors) of one another." [At-Taubah(9):71]

Learning From History

They say that: *those who refuse to learn from history are condemned to repeat it if it is bad and succeed in achievement if it is good.* I want to begin by spending a few minutes looking at the rise of Nazism and see what lessons we can learn from it.

When the Nazis in Germany won the elections in 1932 they didn't achieve an overall majority in parliament so they had problems passing their laws. They needed something which would allow them to bypass parliament. They did this through an act of terrorism - by burning down their own parliament building and blaming communists for it. It helped turn public opinion against their opponents and helped them declare a state of emergency.

That very night thousands were arrested as suspected terrorists and the next morning anti-terror laws were passed without opposition giving police powers to imprison suspects indefinitely without trial, without charge, without access to lawyers. The new anti-terror laws were described as essential "for the protection of the people and the State".

Within a month of the burning of the parliament, Germany's first concentration camp Dachau was opened. It started out as a camp to hold "terrorist suspects" but with time as more people were sent there it became a death camp along with Auschwitz and others.

One person who was eventually sent to Dachau in 1938 was Martin Niemoeller, a Christian pastor. He wrote:

"In Germany, the Nazis first came for the communists, and I did not do anything, because I was not a Communist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not do anything, because I was not a Jew. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not do anything, because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for the Catholics, and I did not do anything, because I was not a Catholic. Then they came for me... and by that time, there was nothing anyone could do for anyone."

Brothers, the western governments came for the fundamentalists we said we were not fundamentalists so we did nothing, then they came for the extremists we said we're not extremists so we did nothing, then they came for the *takfiris*, we were not *takfiris* so we did nothing, then they came for the *ihadists*, we're not *ihadists* so we did nothing, then they came for the *Tableeghis*, we're not *tableghis* so we did nothing, now they're coming for the *salafis* – you are *salafi* – what are you going to do?

The parallels with the Third Reich and Bush's New World Order are clear for us to see. The unanswered questions about 9-11 and how it was used by Bush and Blair to pass Anti-terrorism laws with little opposition, wiping out our basic civil liberties in the process.

Lessons From Bosnia

Let's look at what happened in Bosnia. There the Muslims were totally integrated with the non-Muslims. In fact after 50 years of communist repression most Muslims there lived in almost total ignorance of Islam. You could not tell who was a Muslim and who wasn't without asking their names - and quite often their Islamic names had also disappeared. Yet did that save them?

Let me briefly relate two stories from Bosnia. The first is of Dzamal and his wife Mulija. They lived happily as part of the integrated community of Muslims and Christians in the town of Iljas some 5 miles from Sarajevo. They felt safe - even their best friends were Christians; her husband had been the best man at their Christian wedding. Yet the day after the town was captured by the Serbs, this same friend of the family came knocking on their door with Serbian militiamen. Mulija, who was nine months pregnant at the time, and her husband opened the door, they offered their friend coffee. Her husband's mother and their 16 year old niece were also in the house. This "best friend" and his militiamen, in front of the whole family slit the mother-in-law's throat and raped the niece before killing her. Mulija's husband begged his former "friend" to let his wife go to the hospital. Instead she was taken to a hotel which had been converted into a jail for holding Muslim women. I cannot relate to you what happened in this jail - it's too horrific - but when she escaped, crawling out on her knees, she only managed to reach the grass outside before collapsing and giving birth to her baby daughter Almira. Baby Almira was covered in bruises - black and blue marks left from their ordeal...

The other incident I want to briefly mention is that of Demir's father. His father wasn't a practicing Muslim - he didn't pray or even know much about Islam. Yet they put him in a concentration camp for 13 months. Not a single bone in his

body was left untouched, not a single nerve in his whole body escaped the pain of beating and torture. Four of those months he spent in a cell deep underground, there was water up to his waist and there was only one plank of wood on which he was sitting, sleeping, doing everything. They use to throw bread in to the water. Four months he spent like that. Then they offered him a way out - they asked him to publicly renounce Islam and they would let him go. He did not accept that. He said to them that after everything that you did to me the only thing left is my faith - I cannot renounce it.

These are just two stories out of a million others - every Muslim in Bosnia has his and her story to tell. They teach us a lesson - that to abandon or dilute our faith in the face of difficulty is suicide for us! It is by clinging to Islam - every last thread of it - that we derive our strength to survive whatever comes before us.

They say that those who refuse to learn from history are condemned to repeat it

In these troubled times we need to be doing more, not less! Not keep our heads down - hidden - buried, but rather raise them high, draped proudly in *hijab* and the veil and meet the challenges which lie ahead. We need to attain correct

Islamic knowledge; worship Allaah ﷻ upon *tawheed*, purify our religion from all its false practices, abandon disobedience to Allaah, ﷻ pray five times a day, and follow the *sunnah* of the Messenger of Allaah ﷺ strictly.

They say those who refuse to learn from the great historical times will never be able to repeat it

Return to doing those things which the Companions of the Prophet ﷺ did. What gave them victory, honour, and empowerment on the earth is the only thing which will give us the same now. Only then we will have learnt from our history.

Imaam Maalik ﷺ said: "Nothing will fix the latter part of this *ummah* except that which fixed the former part of it.

But the effort must begin with us, by ourselves and its not as hard as it looks, remember for every step that we take Allaah ﷻ is there to support and strengthen us.

"O you who believe! If you help (in the cause of) Allaah, He will help you, and make your foothold firm." [Muhammad (47):7]

"..Allaah will never change a grace which He has bestowed on a people until they change what is in their ownelves." [Al-Anfaal (8):53]

Oh Allaah, make us firm upon Imaan and righteous deeds, and give us a pleasant life in this world, and may we be resurrected with the righteous.

All praise is to Allaah, Lord of the worlds and may the salaah and salaam be upon our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ his family and his companions.

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